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Personally, I have never heard a more divisive and polarizing presidential address, than what Biden delivered yesterday (September 1, 2022). Biden was either projecting his own undesirable thoughts and beliefs onto his political opposition, or his address was designed and intended to be a primer, calling to muster his radical far left factious mob to mobilize for the purpose of committing violence acts of hate against his political opposition, fueling civil unrest, or worse.

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Carol Skillen 5 hours ago

I visited America in 2002. I saved as much money as I could but not enough for tourist attraction's. It was the People I met from all walks of life that made it a wonderful experience I'll never forget. Remember who you were, don't go down that divided path, your better than that. God Bless from Australia

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0:00

BIDEN SITTING DOWN.

0:02

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

0:04

STATES.

0:09

>> MY FELLOW AMERICANS, PLEASE,

0:12

IF YOU HAVE A SEAT, TAKE IT.

0:17

I SPEAK TO YOU TONIGHT FROM

0:20

SACRED GROUND IN AMERICA.

0:22

INDEPENDENCE HALL IN

0:24

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

0:24

THIS IS WHERE AMERICA MADE ITS

0:26

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE TO

0:29

THE WORLD MORE THAN TWO

0:31

CENTURIES AGO WITH AN IDEA

0:36

UNIQUE AMONG NATIONS THAT IN

0:39

AMERICA, WE ARE ALL CREATED

0:42

EQUAL.

0:42

THIS IS WHERE THE UNITED STATES

0:44

CONSTITUTION WAS WRITTEN AND

0:46

DEBATED.

0:46

THIS IS WHERE WE SET IN MOTION

0:50

THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY

0:51

EXPERIMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT

0:53

THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.

0:58

WITH THREE SIMPLE WORDS, "WE THE

1:04

PEOPLE."

1:04

WE THE PEOPLE.

1:05

THESE TWO DOCUMENTS AND THE

1:07

IDEAS THEY EMBODY OF QUALITY AND

1:10

DEMOCRACY ARE THE ROCK UPON

1:12

WHICH THIS NATION IS BUILT.

1:15

THEY ARE HOW WE BECAME THE

1:17

GREATEST NATION ON EARTH.

1:21

THEY ARE WHY FOR MORE THAN TWO

1:24

CENTURIES AMERICA HAS BEEN A

1:27

BEACON TO THE WORLD.

1:28

BUT AS I STAND HERE TONIGHT,

1:33

EQUALITY AND DEMOCRACY ARE UNDER

1:35

ASSAULT.

1:36

WE DO OURSELVES NO FAVOR TO

1:38

PRETEND OTHERWISE, SO TONIGHT

1:41

I'VE COME TO THIS PLACE WHERE IT

1:43

ALL BEGAN TO SPEAK AS PLAINLY AS

1:45

I CAN TO THE NATION.

1:50

ABOUT THE THREATS WE FACE, ABOUT

1:52

THE POWER WE HAVE IN OUR OWN

1:55

HANDS TO MEET THESE THREATS, AND

1:57

ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE FUTURE THAT

2:00

LIES IN FRONT OF US IF ONLY WE

2:05

CHOOSE IT.

2:06

WE MUST NEVER FORGET, WE THE

2:09

PEOPLE, ARE THE TRUE HEIRS OF

2:11

THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT THAT

2:12

BEGAN MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES

2:13

AGO.

2:18

WE THE PEOPLE, HAVE BURNING

2:20

INSIDE EACH OF US, THE FLAME OF

2:23

LIBERTY THAT WAS LIT HERE AT

2:24

INDEPENDENCE HALL.

2:29

A FLAME THAT LIT OUR WAY THROUGH

2:32

ABOLITION, THE CIVIL WAR,

2:34

SUFFRAGE, THE GREAT DEPRESSION,

2:37

WORLD WARS, CIVIL RIGHTS.

2:42

THAT SACRED FLAME STILL BURNS.

2:45

NOW ON OUR TIME, AS WE BUILD AN

2:50

AMERICA THAT IS MORE PROSPEROUS,

2:52

FREE AND JUST.

2:52

THAT IS THE WORK OF MY

2:56

PRESIDENCY, A MISSION I BELIEVE

2:58

IN WITH MY WHOLE SOUL.

3:02

BUT FIRST, WE MUST BE HONEST

3:05

WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH

3:08

OURSELVES.

3:08

TOO MUCH OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

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OUR COUNTRY TODAY IS NOT NORMAL.

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VERY FOUNDATIONS OF OUR

3:20

REPUBLIC.

3:23

NOW, I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR,

3:28

VERY CLEAR UP FRONT.

3:30

NOT EVERY REPUBLICAN, NOT EVEN

3:32

THE MAJORITY OF REPUBLICANS ARE

3:34

MAGA REPUBLICANS.

3:35

NOT EVERY REPUBLICAN EMBRACES

3:36

THEIR EXTREME IDEOLOGY.

3:39

I KNOW BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ABLE TO

3:40

WORK WITH THESE MAINSTREAM

3:43

REPUBLICANS.

3:43

BUT THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT THE

3:46

REPUBLICAN PARTY TODAY IS

3:48

DOMINATED, DRIVEN AND

3:50

INTIMIDATED BY DONALD TRUMP AND

3:50

THE MAGA REPUBLICANS.

3:53

AND THAT IS A THREAT TO THIS

3:56

COUNTRY.

3:59

THESE ARE HARD THINGS, BUT I'M

4:01

AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT, NOT A

4:04

PRESIDENT OF RED AMERICA OR BLUE

4:07

AMERICA, BUT OF ALL AMERICA.

4:09

AND I BELIEVE IT'S MY DUTY, MY

4:13

DUTY TO LEVEL WITH YOU TO TELL

4:14

THE TRUTH, NO MATTER HOW

4:19

DIFFICULT, NO MATTER HOW

4:20

PAINFUL.

4:20

AND HERE IN MY VIEW IS WHAT IS

4:23

TRUE.

4:24

MAGA REPUBLICANS DO NOT RESPECT

4:26

THE CONSTITUTION.

4:27

THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE RULE

4:28

OF LAW.

4:29

THEY DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE WILL

4:32

OF THE PEOPLE.

4:32

THEY REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE

4:33

RESULTS OF A FREE ELECTION.

4:36

AND THEY'RE WORKING RIGHT NOW AS

4:39

I SPEAK IN STATE AFTER STATE TO

4:43

GIVE POWER TO DECIDE ELECTIONS

4:46

IN AMERICA TO PARTISANS AND

4:48

CRONIES, EMPOWERING ELECTION

4:50

DENIERS TO UNDERMINE DEMOCRACY

4:53

ITSELF.

4:54

MAGA FORCES ARE DETERMINED TO

4:55

TAKE THIS COUNTRY BACKWARDS.

4:59

BACKWARDS TO AN AMERICA WHERE

5:00

THERE IS NO RIGHT TO CHOOSE, NO

5:03

RIGHT TO PRIVACY, NO RIGHT TO

5:07

CONTRACEPTION, NO RIGHT TO MARRY

5:09

WHO YOU LOVE.

5:10

THEY PROMOTE AUTHORITARIAN

5:11

LEADERS AND THEY FAN THE FLAMES

5:14

OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE THAT ARE A

5:16

THREAT TO OUR PERSONAL RIGHTS,

5:19

TO THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE, TO

5:20

THE RULE OF LAW, TO THE VERY

5:22

SOUL OF THIS COUNTRY.

5:26

THEY LOOK AT THE MOB THAT

5:27

STORMED THE UNITED STATES

5:28

CAPITOL ON JANUARY 6th, BRUTALLY

5:33

ATTACKING LAW ENFORCEMENT.

5:33

NOT AS INSURRECTIONISTS, WHO

5:35

PLACED A DAGGER AT THE THROAT OF

5:37

OUR DEMOCRACY, BUT THEY LOOK AT

5:39

THEM AT PATRIOTS AND THEY SEE

5:42

THEIR MAGA FAILURE TO STOP A

5:45

PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF POWER AFTER

5:47

THE 2020 ELECTION AS PREPARATION

5:50

FOR THE 2022 AND 2024 ELECTIONS.

5:56

THEY TRIED EVERYTHING LAST TIME

5:58

TO NULLIFY THE VOTES OF 81

6:01

MILLION PEOPLE.

6:03

THIS TIME, THEY'RE DETERMINED TO

6:05

SUCCEED IN THWARTING THE WILL OF

6:08

THE PEOPLE.

6:11

THAT'S WHY RESPECTED

6:12

CONSERVATIVES LIKE FEDERAL

6:14

CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE MICHAEL

6:18

LUDIG HAS CALLED TRUMP AND

6:20

EXTREME MAGA REPUBLICANS, QUOTE,

6:22

A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER TO

6:24

OUR DEMOCRACY.

6:27

WHILE THE THREAT TO AMERICAN

6:29

DEMOCRACY IS REAL, I WANT TO SAY

6:32

AS CLEARLY AS WE CAN WE ARE NOT

6:35

POWERLESS IN THE FACE OF THESE

6:38

THREATS.

6:39

WE ARE NOT BYSTANDERS IN THIS

6:41

ONGOING ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY.

6:45

THERE ARE FAR MORE AMERICANS,

6:48

FAR MORE AMERICANS FROM EVERY

6:51

BACKGROUND AND BELIEF WHO REJECT

6:52

THE EXTREME MAGA IDEOLOGY THAN

6:54

THOSE THAT ACCEPT IT.

7:00

AND FOLKS, IT'S WITHIN OUR

7:03

POWER, IT'S IN OUR HANDS, YOURS

7:04

AND MINE, TO STOP THE ASSAULT ON

7:07

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

7:10

I BELIEVE AMERICA IS AT AN

7:12

INFLECTION POINT.

7:14

ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS THAT

7:15

DETERMINE THE SHAPE OF

7:16

EVERYTHING THAT'S TO COME AFTER.

7:22

AND NOW AMERICA MUST CHOOSE TO

7:25

MOVE FORWARD OR TO MOVE

7:27

BACKWARDS.

7:28

TO BUILD A FUTURE OR OBSESS

7:30

ABOUT THE PAST.

7:31

TO BE A NATION OF HOPE AND UNITY

7:33

AND OPTIMISM, OR A NATION OF

7:36

FEAR, DIVISION AND OF DARKNESS.

7:40

MAGA REPUBLICANS HAVE MADE THEIR

7:43

CHOICE.

7:44

THEY EMBRACE ANGER.

7:45

THEY THRIVE ON CHAOS.

7:47

THEY LIVE NOT IN THE LIGHT OF

7:49

TRUTH BUT IN THE SHADOW OF LIES.

7:53

BUT TOGETHER, TOGETHER WE CAN

7:56

CHOOSE A DIFFERENT PATH.

7:58

WE CAN CHOOSE A BETTER PATH.

8:02

FORWARD TO THE FUTURE.

8:03

A FUTURE OF POSSIBILITY, A

8:04

FUTURE TO BUILD AND DREAM AND

8:08

HOPE.

8:08

AND WE'RE ON THAT PATH MOVING

8:09

AHEAD.

8:11

I KNOW THIS NATION.

8:13

I KNOW YOU, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

8:16

I KNOW YOUR COURAGE.

8:18

I KNOW YOUR HEARTS.

8:19

AND I KNOW OUR HISTORY.

8:22

THIS IS A NATION THAT HONORS OUR

8:25

CONSTITUTION.

8:26

WE DO NOT REJECT IT.

8:27

THIS IS A NATION THAT BELIEVES

8:28

IN THE RULE OF LAW.

8:32

WE DO NOT REPUDIATE IT.

8:33

THIS IS A NATION THAT RESPECTS

8:35

FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS.

8:37

WE HONOR THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

8:40

WE DO NOT DENY IT.

8:42

AND THIS IS A NATION THAT

8:46

REJECTS VIOLENCE AS A POLITICAL

8:49

TOOL.

8:49

WE DO NOT ENCOURAGE VIOLENCE.

8:52

WE ARE STILL AN AMERICA THAT

8:54

BELIEVES IN HONESTY AND DECENCY

8:56

AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS.

8:59

PATRIOTISM, LIBERTY, JUSTICE FOR

9:00

ALL, HOPE, POSSIBILITIES.

9:02

WE ARE STILL AT OUR CORE A

9:04

DEMOCRACY.

9:08

AND YET, HISTORY TELLS US THE

9:13

BLIND LOYALTY TO A SINGLE LEADER

9:16

AND A WILLINGNESS TO ENGAGE IN

9:18

POLITICAL VIOLENCE IS FATAL TO

9:21

DEMOCRACY.

9:22

FOR A LONG TIME WE TOLD

9:24

OURSELVES THAT AMERICAN

9:27

DEMOCRACY IS GUARANTEED.

9:28

BUT IT'S NOT.

9:31

WE HAVE TO DEFEND IT, PROTECT

9:33

IT, STAND UP FOR IT, EACH AND

9:36

EVERY ONE OF US.

9:38

THAT'S WHY TONIGHT I'M ASKING

9:39

OUR NATION TO COME TOGETHER,

9:43

UNITE BEHIND THE SINGLE PURPOSE

9:45

OF DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY

9:48

REGARDLESS OF YOUR IDEOLOGY.

9:54

WE'RE ALL CALLED BY DUTY AND

9:57

CONSCIENCE TO CONFRONT

9:58

EXTREMISTS WHO PUT THEIR OWN

10:00

PURSUIT OF POWER ABOVE ALL ELSE.

10:04

DEMOCRATS, INDEPENDENTS,

10:05

MAINSTREAM REPUBLICANS, WE MUST

10:07

BE STRONGER, MORE DETERMINED AND

10:08

MORE COMMITTED TO SAVING

10:11

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY THAN MAGA

10:13

REPUBLICANS ARE TO DESTROYING

10:17

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

10:17

WE THE PEOPLE WILL NOT LET

10:20

ANYONE OR ANYTHING TEAR US

10:24

APART.

10:24

TODAY THERE ARE DANGERS AROUND

10:26

US.

10:27

WE CANNOT ALLOW TO PREVAIL.

10:31

YOU'VE HEARD IT.

10:31

MORE AND MORE TALK ABOUT

10:34

VIOLENCE AS AN ACCEPTABLE

10:36

POLITICAL TOOL IN THIS COUNTRY.

10:41

IT'S NOT.

10:41

IT CAN NEVER BE AN ACCEPTABLE

10:45

TOOL.

10:46

SO I WANT TO SAY THIS PLAIN AND

10:47

SIMPLE.

10:48

THERE IS NO PLACE FOR POLITICAL

10:50

VIOLENCE IN AMERICA, PERIOD,

10:53

NONE, EVER.

11:00

YOU SAW LAW ENFORCEMENT BRUTALLY

11:02

ATTACKED ON JANUARY THE 6th.

11:04

WE'VE SEEN ELECTION OFFICIALS,

11:05

POLL WORKERS, MANY OF THEM

11:08

VOLUNTEERS OF BOTH PARTIES

11:08

SUBJECT TO INTIMIDATION AND

11:11

DEATH THREATS.

11:12

AND CAN YOU BELIEVE IT, FBI

11:16

AGENTS JUST DOING THEIR JOB AS

11:19

DIRECTED FACING THREATS TO THEIR

11:20

OWN LIVES FROM THEIR OWN FELLOW

11:24

CITIZENS.

11:24

ON TOP OF THAT, THERE ARE PUBLIC

11:28

FIGURES TODAY, YESTERDAY AND THE

11:29

DAY BEFORE PREDICTING AND ALL

11:32

BUT CALLING FOR MASS VIOLENCE

11:35

AND RIOTING IN THE STREETS.

11:36

THIS IS INFLAMMATORY.

11:39

IT'S DANGEROUS.

11:40

IT'S AGAINST THE RULE OF LAW.

11:43

AND WE THE PEOPLE MUST SAY THIS

11:45

IS NOT WHO WE ARE.

11:55

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE CAN'T

11:58

BE PRO INSURRECTIONIST AND PRO

12:02

AMERICAN.

12:02

THEY'RE INCOMPATIBLE.

12:04

WE CAN'T ALLOW VIOLENCE TO BE

12:06

NORMALIZED IN THIS COUNTRY.

12:08

IT'S WRONG.

12:09

WE EACH HAVE TO REJECT POLITICAL

12:11

VIOLENCE WITH ALL THE MORAL

12:13

CLARITY AND CONVICTION THIS

12:14

NATION CAN MUSTER NOW.

12:17

WE CAN'T LET THE INTEGRITY OF

12:18

OUR ELECTIONS BE UNDERMINED, FOR

12:21

THAT IS A PATH TO CHAOS.

12:25

LOOK, I KNOW POLITICS CAN BE

12:27

FERCE AND MEAN AND NASTY IN

12:30

AMERICA.

12:30

I GET IT.

12:31

I BELIEVE IN THE GIVE AND TAKE

12:33

OF POLITICS, IN DISAGREEMENT AND

12:35

DEBATE AND DISSENT.

12:36

WE'RE A BIG, COMPLICATED

12:39

COUNTRY.

12:40

BUT DEMOCRACY ENDURES ONLY IF WE

12:44

THE PEOPLE RESPECT THE

12:45

GUARDRAILS OF THE REPUBLIC.

12:48

ONLY IF WE THE PEOPLE ACCEPT THE

12:50

RESULTS OF FREE AND FAIR

12:53

ELECTIONS.

12:54

ONLY IF WE THE PEOPLE SEE

12:58

POLITICS NOT AS TOTAL WAR, BUT

13:00

MEDIATION OF OUR DIFFERENCES.

13:03

DEMOCRACY CANNOT SURVIVE WHEN

13:05

ONE SIDE BELIEVES THERE ARE ONLY

13:06

TWO OUTCOMES TO AN ELECTION,

13:09

EITHER THEY WIN OR THEY WERE

13:12

CHEATED.

13:12

AND THAT'S WHERE THE MAGA

13:13

REPUBLICANS ARE TODAY.

13:19

THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT EVERY

13:23

PATRIOTIC AMERICAN KNOWS.

13:24

YOU CAN'T LOVE YOUR COUNTRY ONLY

13:26

WHEN YOU WIN.

13:28

IT'S FUNDAMENTAL.

13:36

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY ONLY WORKS

13:37

ONLY IF WE CHOOSE TO RESPECT THE

13:40

RULE OF LAW AND THE INSTITUTIONS

13:43

THAT WERE SET UP IN THIS CHAMBER

13:45

BEHIND ME.

13:48

ONLY IF WE RESPECT OUR

13:50

LEGITIMATE POLITICAL

13:52

DIFFERENCES.

13:52

I WILL NOT STAND BY AND WATCH.

13:56

I WILL NOT LET THE WILL OF THE

13:58

AMERICAN PEOPLE BE OVERTURNED BY

14:00

WILD CONSPIRACY THEORIES AND

14:02

BASELESS EVIDENCE OF CLAIMS OF

14:03

FRAUD.

14:03

I WILL NOT STAND BY AND WATCH

14:05

ELECTIONS IN THIS COUNTRY STOLEN

14:07

BY PEOPLE WHO SIMPLY REFUSE TO

14:08

ACCEPT THAT THEY LOST.

14:14

I WILL NOT STAND BY AND WATCH

14:16

THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM IN

14:18

THIS COUNTRY, THE FREEDOM TO

14:19

VOTE AND HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNTED

14:22

AND BE TAKEN FROM YOU AND THE

14:25

AMERICAN PEOPLE.

14:28

LOOK, AS YOUR PRESIDENT, I WILL

14:29

DEFEND OUR DEMOCRACY WITH EVERY

14:31

FIBER IN MY BEING.

14:33

AND I'M ASKING EVERY AMERICAN TO

14:36

JOIN ME.

14:42

THROUGHOUT OUR HISTORY, AMERICA

14:45

HAS OFTEN MADE THE GREATEST

14:47

PROGRESS COMING OUT OF SOME OF

14:48

OUR DARKEST MOMENTS LIKE YOU'RE

14:50

HEARING THAT BULL HORN.

14:52

I BELIEVE WE CAN AND MUST DO

14:55

THAT AGAIN AND WE ARE.

14:59

MAGA REPUBLICANS LOOK AT AMERICA

15:00

AND SEE CARNAGE AND DARKNESS AND

15:03

DESPAIR.

15:04

THEY SPREAD FEAR AND LIES.

15:07

LIES TOLD FOR PROFIT AND POWER.

15:09

BUT I SEE A DIFFERENT AMERICA,

15:12

AN AMERICA WITH AN UNLIMITED

15:14

FUTURE, AN AMERICA THAT'S ABOUT

15:17

TO TAKE OFF.

15:18

I HOPE YOU SEE IT AS WELL.

15:20

JUST LOOK AROUND.

15:22

I BELIEVE WE COULD LIFT AMERICA

15:23

FROM THE DEPTHS OF COVID SO WE

15:25

PASSED THE LARGEST ECONOMIC

15:29

PACKAGE SINCE FRANKLIN DELANO

15:32

ROOSEVELT AND TODAY AMERICA'S

15:33

ECONOMY IS FASTER, STRONGER THAN

15:35

ANY OTHER ADVANCED NATION IN THE

15:36

WORLD.

15:36

WE HAVE MORE TO GO.

15:40

I BELIEVE WE CAN BUILD A BETTER

15:44

AMERICA SO WE PASSED THE BIGGEST

15:45

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT SINCE

15:47

PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

15:49

AND WE'VE EMBARKED ON REBUILDING

15:51

THE NATION'S ROADS, BRIDGES,

15:55

HIGHWAYS, PORTS, HIGH-SPEED

15:55

INTERNET, RAILROADS.

16:00

I BELIEVE WE CAN MAKE AMERICA

16:01

SAFER, SO WE PASSED THE MOST

16:03

SIGNIFICANT GUN SAFETY LAW SINCE

16:08

PRESIDENT CLINTON.

16:09

I BELIEVE WE COULD GO FROM BEING

16:12

THE HIGHEST COST OF

16:13

PRESCRIPTIONS TO THE WORLD TO

16:14

MAKING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND

16:16

HEALTH CARE MORE AFFORDABLE, SO

16:17

WE PASSED THE MOST SIGNIFICANT

16:19

HEALTH CARE REFORM SINCE

16:20

PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED THE

16:21

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

16:28

AND I BELIEVED WE COULD CREATE A

16:31

CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE AND SAVE THE

16:33

PLANET, SO WE PASSED THE MOST

16:36

IMPORTANT CLIMATE INITIATIVE

16:40

EVER, EVER, EVER.

16:44

THE CYNICS AND THE CRITICS TELL

16:47

US NOTHING CAN GET DONE, BUT

16:48

THEY'RE WRONG.

16:50

THERE IS NOT A SINGLE THING

16:52

AMERICA CANNOT DO, NOT A SINGLE

16:54

THING BEYOND OUR CAPACITY IF WE

16:55

DO IT TOGETHER.

16:58

IT'S NEVER EASY.

17:01

BUT WE'RE PROVING THAT AMERICA,

17:02

NO MATTER HOW LONG THE ROAD,

17:04

PROGRESS DOES COME.

17:12

LOOK, I KNOW THE LAST YEAR, FEW

17:14

YEARS HAVE BEEN TOUGH, BUT TODAY

17:17

COVID NO LONGER CONTROLS OUR

17:19

LIVES.

17:20

MORE AMERICANS ARE WORKING THAN

17:22

EVER.

17:23

BUSINESSES ARE GROWING, OUR

17:24

SCHOOLS ARE OPEN, MILLIONS OF

17:26

AMERICANS HAVE BEEN LIFTED OUT

17:28

OF POVERTY.

17:30

MILLIONS OF VETERANS ONCE

17:31

EXPOSED TO TOXIC BURN PITS WILL

17:34

NOW GET WHAT THEY DESERVE FOR

17:36

THEIR FAMILIES IN COMPENSATION.

17:40

AMERICAN MANUFACTURING HAS COME

17:42

ALIVE ACROSS THE HEARTLAND AND

17:43

THE FUTURE WILL BE MADE IN

17:44

AMERICA.

17:49

NO WHAT ARE THE WHAT THE WHITE

17:50

SUPREMACISTS AND THE EXTREMISTS

17:53

SAY.

17:54

I MADE A BET ON YOU, THE

17:55

AMERICAN PEOPLE, AND THAT BET IS

17:57

PAYING OFF, PROVING THAT FROM

17:59

DARKNESS, THE DARKNESS OF

18:02

CHARLOTTESVILLE, OF COVID, OF

18:04

GUN VIOLENCE, OF INSURRECTION,

18:06

WE CAN SEE THE LIGHT.

18:07

LIGHT IS NOW VISIBLE.

18:08

LIGHT THAT WILL GUIDE US

18:11

FORWARD.

18:11

NOT ONLY IN WORDS BUT IN

18:13

ACTIONS.

18:14

ACTIONS FOR YOU, FOR YOUR

18:15

CHILDREN, FOR YOUR

18:16

GRANDCHILDREN, FOR AMERICA.

18:19

EVEN IN THIS MOMENT WITH ALL THE

18:21

CHALLENGES WE FACE, I GIVE YOU

18:23

MY WORD AS A BIDEN, I'VE NEVER

18:26

BEEN MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT

18:28

AMERICA'S FUTURE.

18:28

NOT BECAUSE OF ME, BUT BECAUSE

18:30

OF WHO YOU ARE.

18:32

WE'RE GOING TO END CANCER AS WE

18:34

KNOW IT, MARK MY WORDS.

18:36

WE'RE GOING TO CREATE MILLIONS

18:37

OF NEW JOBS AND A CLEAN ENERGY

18:39

ECONOMY.

18:40

WE'RE GOING TO THINK BIG.

18:41

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THE 21st

18:42

CENTURY ANOTHER AMERICAN

18:43

CENTURY, BECAUSE THE WORLD NEEDS

18:44

US TO.

18:48

THAT'S WHERE WE NEED TO FOCUS

18:49

OUR ENERGY.

18:51

NOT IN THE PAST, NOT ON DIVISIVE

18:53

CULTURE WARS, NOT ON THE

18:56

POLITICS OF GRIEVANCE, BUT ON A

18:59

FUTURE WE CAN BUILD TOGETHER.

19:00

THE MAGA REPUBLICANS BELIEVE

19:02

THAT FOR THEM TO SUCCEED,

19:04

EVERYONE ELSE HAS TO FAIL.

19:08

THEY BELIEVE AMERICA NOT WHAT I

19:11

BELIEVE ABOUT AMERICA.

19:13

I BELIEVE AMERICA IS BIG ENOUGH

19:14

FOR ALL OF US TO SUCCEED, AND

19:15

THAT IS THE NATION WE'RE

19:17

BUILDING, A NATION WHERE NO ONE

19:19

IS LEFT BEHIND.

19:20

I RAN FOR PRESIDENT BECAUSE I

19:21

BELIEVED WE WERE IN A BATTLE OF

19:22

THE SOUL OF THIS NATION.

19:24

I STILL BELIEVE THAT TO BE TRUE.

19:28

I BELIEVE THE SOUL IS THE

19:30

BREADTH, THE LIFE AND THE

19:32

ESSENCE OF WHO WE ARE.

19:35

THE SOUL IS WHAT MAKES US, US.

19:37

THE SOUL OF AMERICA IS DEFINED

19:40

BY THE SACRED PROPOSITION THAT

19:43

ALL ARE CREATED EQUAL IN THE

19:45

IMAGE OF GOD, THAT ALL ARE

19:48

ENTITLED TO BE TREATED WITH

19:49

DECENCY, DIGNITY AND RESPECT,

19:51

THAT ALL DESERVE JUSTICE AND A

19:53

SHOT AT LIVES OF PROSPERITY AND

19:56

CONSEQUENCE, AND THAT DEMOCRACY,

19:59

DEMOCRACY MUST BE DEFENDED, FOR

20:01

DEMOCRACY MAKES ALL THESE THINGS

20:02

POSSIBLE.

20:08

FOLKS, AND IT'S UP TO US.

20:15

DEMOCRACY BEGINS AND WILL BE

20:18

PRESERVED AND WE THE PEOPLE'S

20:19

HABITS OF THE HEART, IN OUR

20:22

CHARACTER, OPTIMISM THAT IS

20:24

TESTED, YET ENDURES, COURAGE

20:26

THAT DIGS DEEP WHEN WE NEED IT.

20:30

EMPATHY THAT FUELS DEMOCRACY.

20:32

THE WILLINGNESS TO SEE EACH

20:34

OTHER NOT AS ENEMIES BUT AS

20:36

FELLOW AMERICANS.

20:39

LOOK, OUR DEMOCRACY ISN'T

20:43

PERFECT.

20:43

IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN.

20:44

NOTWITHSTANDING THOSE FOLKS YOU

20:46

HEAR ON THE OTHER SIDE THERE,

20:48

THEY'RE ENTITLED TO BE

20:49

OUTRAGEOUS.

20:52

THIS IS A DEMOCRACY.

20:53

BUT HISTORY AND COMMON SENSE --

21:02

[APPLAUSE]

21:02

GOOD MANNERS IS NOTHING THEY

21:04

HAVE EVER SUFFERED FROM.

21:06

BUT HISTORY AND COMMON SENSE

21:07

TELL US THAT OPPORTUNITY,

21:09

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL ARE

21:11

MOST LIKELY TO COME TO PASS IN A

21:15

DEMOCRACY.

21:15

WE HAVE NEVER FULLY REALIZED THE

21:17

ASPIRATIONS OF OUR FOUNDING, BUT

21:19

EVERY GENERATION HAS OPENED

21:20

THOSE DOORS A LITTLE BIT WIDER

21:23

TO INCLUDE MORE PEOPLE WHO HAVE

21:24

BEEN EXCLUDED BEFORE.

21:26

MY FELLOW AMERICANS, AMERICA IS

21:30

AN IDEA, THE MOST POWERFUL IDEA

21:32

IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD AND

21:35

IT BEATS IN THE HEARTS OF THE

21:36

PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

21:38

IT BEATS IN ALL OUR HEARTS.

21:40

IT UNITES AMERICA.

21:43

IT IS THE AMERICAN CREED.

21:45

THE IDEA THAT AMERICA GUARANTEES

21:46

THAT EVERYONE BE TREATED WITH

21:49

DIGNITY.

21:49

IT GIVES HATE NO SAFE HARBOR.

21:52

IT INSTALLS IN EVERYONE THE

21:54

BELIEF THAT NO MATTER WHERE YOU

21:59

START IN LIFE, THERE'S NOTHING

22:00

YOU CAN'T ACHIEVE.

22:00

THAT'S WHO WE ARE.

22:01

THAT'S WHAT WE STAND FOR.

22:03

THAT'S WHAT WE BELIEVE.

22:05

AND THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT WE'RE

22:08

DOING, OPENING DOORS, CREATING

22:12

POSSIBILITIES, FOCUSING ON THE

22:13

FUTURE, AND WE'RE ONLY JUST

22:16

BEGINNING.

22:23

OUR TASK IS TO MAKE OUR NATION

22:26

FREE AND FAIR, JUST AND STRONG,

22:29

NOBLE AND WHOLE, AND THIS WORK

22:31

IS THE WORK OF DEMOCRACY, THE

22:34

WORK OF THIS GENERATION.

22:36

IT IS THE WORK OF OUR TIME FOR

22:39

ALL TIME.

22:39

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE ANYONE

22:42

ON THE SIDELINES.

22:42

WE NEED EVERYONE TO DO THEIR

22:45

PART, SO SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT,

22:47

GET ENGAGED, VOTE, VOTE, VOTE!

22:52

AND IF WE DO OUR DUTY, IF WE DO

22:57

OUR DUTY, IN 2022 AND BEYOND,

23:01

THEN AGES STILL TO COME WILL SAY

23:04

WE, ALL OF US HERE, WE KEPT THE

23:06

FAITH.

23:07

WE PRESERVED DEMOCRACY.

23:11

WE HEEDED OUR WORDS.

23:12

WE HEEDED NOT OUR WORST

23:16

INSTINCTS BUT OUR BETTER ANGELS.

23:17

WE PROVED THAT FOR ALL ITS

23:20

IMPERFECTIONS, AMERICA IS STILL

23:21

THE BEACON TO THE WORLD, AN

23:23

IDEAL TO BE REALIZED, A PROMISE

23:25

TO BE KEPT.

23:26

THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT.

23:28

NOTHING MORE SACRED.

23:31

NOTHING MORE AMERICAN.

23:33

THAT'S OUR SOUL.

23:34

THAT'S WHO WE TRULY ARE.

23:37

AND THAT'S WHO WE MUST ALWAYS

23:40

BE.

23:40

I HAVE NO DOUBT, NONE, THAT THIS

23:43

IS WHO WE WILL BE AND THAT WE'LL

23:46

COME TOGETHER AS A NATION THAT

23:48

WILL SECURE OUR DEMOCRACY, THAT

23:51

FOR THE NEXT 200 YEARS WE'LL

23:53

HAVE WHAT WE HAD THE PAST 200

23:55

YEARS, THE GREATEST NATION ON

23:57

THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

23:59

WE JUST NEED TO REMEMBER WHO WE

24:00

ARE.

24:00

WE ARE THE UNITED STATES OF

24:03

AMERICA, THE UNITED STATES OF

24:04

AMERICA.

24:06

AND MAY GOD PROTECT OUR NATION

24:09

AND MAY GOD PROTECT ALL THOSE

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